

Amendments to the specification:

Please add the following paragraph before the last paragraph of the detailed description:

In some embodiments of the invention, as clearly seen from the drawings, the splint is formed from a single substantially elongated elongate strap defining a longitudinal axis. The strap defines a strap first end portion, a substantially longitudinally opposed strap second end portion and a strap intermediate portion extending therebetween. A first loop is formed at a first end of the strap, the first loop being formed by folding the strap first end portion onto the strap intermediate portion so that the strap first end portion and the strap intermediate portion are substantially parallel relative to each other. The first strap end portion is affixed to the strap intermediate portion at a first loop attachment location. A second loop is formed in the strap at a predetermined distance from the first loop, the second loop being formed by folding the strap second end portion substantially transversely over and onto the strap intermediate portion and affixing the strap second end portion to the strap intermediate portion at a second loop attachment location. The first loop attachment location is located outside of the second loop. Optionally, a positioning component is provided between the first loop and the second loop, the positioning component being configured and sized to hold the first loop near the base of the user's thumb and the second loop to the user's index finger. In some embodiments of the invention, the positioning component includes a substantially elongated positioning strap portion extending from the second loop.